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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) dated May 5, 2006 received in the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the accompanying remarks. Included with this Response is a Request for Extension of Time for 1 month(s) and the appropriate fee. As August 5, 2005 falls on a Saturday, this Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2. **Remarks** begin on page 6.